

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8, 10-20, and 22-25, and add new claims 26-27 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, ~~in a communication system wherein a subscription is associated with a plurality of public and private identities, the method~~ comprising:

~~storing in a user information storage~~ information regarding relationships between ~~the a~~ plurality of public and private identities associated with a subscription and ~~of a~~ control entity in which at least one of the identities is registered;

allocating the control entity to a further registration based on the stored ~~information stored in the user information storage~~; and

~~recognizing at the user information storage~~ that different private identities are associated with a common service profile.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a querying by from a further control entity for a registration status of a ~~user from the user information storage~~; and

responding to the query by returning routing information configured to enable ~~which enables~~ routing of a registration request to the control entity.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the ~~querying comprises querying by the further control entity which query~~ comprises an interrogating call state control function and the control entity comprises a servicing call state control function.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the responding comprises responding to the query by returning the routing information which enables routing to the control entity and~~ comprises a name of the control entity.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein ~~the responding comprises responding to the query by returning the routing information which enables routing to the control entity and~~ comprises an address of the control entity.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control entity comprise a plurality of control entities, and wherein the allocating further comprises ing: selecting at the user information storage one of the plurality of the control entityies to be allocated for the further registration.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

recognizing ~~at the user information storage that the~~ a user has an existing registration.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

recognizing ~~at the user information storage that~~ different private identities associated with a common public identity are associated with a subscription.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

recognizing ~~at the user information storage that~~ different private identities are associated with a common subscription.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~1~~26, wherein ~~the storing comprises storing in the user information storage which~~ comprises a home subscriber server.

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication~~ system, comprising:
a plurality of control entities;

a user information storage configured to store information of relationships between public and private identities associated with users of a communication system and of a control entity in which at least one of the public and private identities is registered;

an allocating unit configured to allocate a call control entity to a further registration associated with a user based on the information stored in the user information storage; and

a recognizing unit configured to recognize at the user information storage that different private identities associate with a common service profile.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, ~~A user information storage entity for a communication system, the user information storage entity comprising:~~

a storing unit configured to store information of relationships between public and private identities associated with users of a communication system and of a control entity in which at least one of the public and private identities is registered;

an allocating unit configured to allocate the call control entity to a further registration associated with a user based on the information stored in the user information storage; and

a recognizing unit configured to recognize at the user information storage that two or more of different private identities are associated with a common service profile.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a transceiver configured to receive ~~a querying unit configured to query~~ by a further control entity for a registration status of a user from the user information storage; and
~~a responding unit configured to respond~~ to a query by returning routing information which enables routing of a registration request to the control entity.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein ~~the querying unit queries by using the further control entity which comprises an interrogating call state control function and the control entity comprises a servicing call state control function.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein ~~the responding unit is configured to respond to the query by returning the routing information which enables routing to the control entity and comprises a name of the control entity.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity apparatus~~ as claimed in claim 14, wherein ~~the responding unit responds to the query by returning the routing information which enables routing to the control entity and comprises an address of the control entity.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the control entity comprises a plurality of control entities, and wherein the apparatus further comprisesing:

a selecting unit configured to select ~~at the user information storage~~ one of the plurality of the control entities ~~entity~~ to be allocated for the further registration.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus ~~user information storage entity~~ as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a recognizing unit configured to recognize ~~at the user information storage~~ that the user has an existing registration.

20. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a recognizing unit configured to recognize ~~at the user information storage~~ that different private identities associated with a common public identity are associated with a subscription.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, further comprising:

a recognizing unit configured to recognize at the ~~user information storage~~ that different private identities associate with a common subscription.

23. (Currently Amended) The ~~user information storage entity~~ apparatus as claimed in claim 13, wherein the storing unit is configured to store the information in a user information storage which comprises a home subscriber server.

24. (Currently Amended) A ~~communication system~~, comprising:

a plurality of control entities;

user information storage means for storing information of relationships between public and private identities associated with users of a communication system and of a control entity in which at least one of the public and privates identities is registered;

allocating means for allocating a call control entity to a further registration associated with a user based on the information stored in the user information storage means; and

recognizing means for recognizing at the user information storage that different private identities associate with a common service profile.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~A user information storage entity~~ An apparatus for a communication system, the user information storage entity comprising:

storing means for storing information of relationships between public and private identities associated with users of a communication system and of a control entity in which at least one of the public and private identities is registered;

allocating means for allocating the call control entity to a further registration associated with a user based on the information stored in the user information storage; and

recognizing means for recognizing at the user information storage that different private identities associate with a common service profile.

26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a user information storage.

27. (New) A computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium configured to control a processor to perform:

storing information regarding relationships between a plurality of public and private identities associated with a subscription and a control entity in which at least one of the identities is registered;

allocating the control entity to a further registration based on the stored information; and

recognizing that different private identities are associated with a common service profile.